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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims being on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 10 of this paper.